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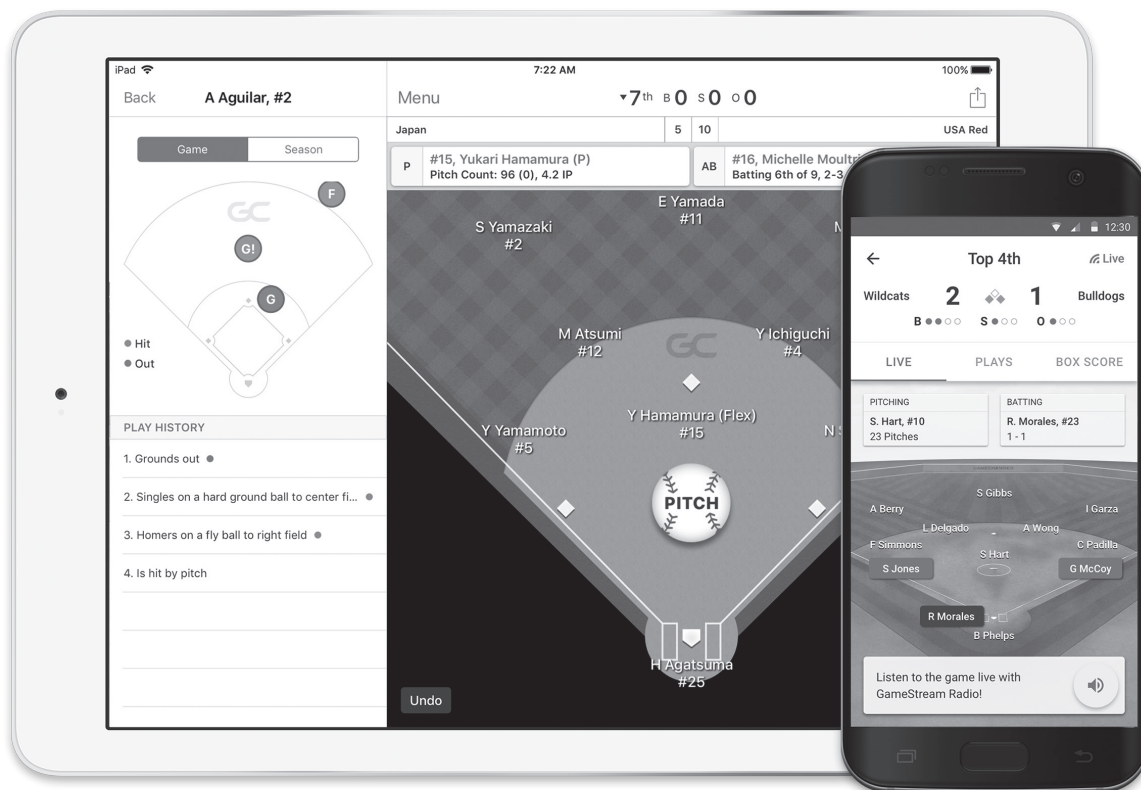
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## MEMBER BENEFITS

As the National Governing Body of Softball, USA Softball is a non-profit organization that affords millions of players, fans, coaches, administrators, umpires and parents with benefits upon registering to play USA Softball. While each state/metro association and USA Softball member league offers unique opportunities upon registering, certain benefits exist for everyone just by being part of the organization.

### ALL MEMBERS

- Eligible to participate in USA Softball sanctioned events
- A copy of the Official Rules of Softball, which provides a set standard of playing rules for consistency and fair play for all those involved, is available for free on [USASoftball.com](http://USASoftball.com)
- Opportunity to be featured on USA Softball social media platforms
- A copy of USA Softball's Official Scorebook
- Top-of-the-line insurance coverage through RPS Bollinger Insurance to provide peace-of-mind for all those involved in the sport
- The opportunity to use USA Softball's Member logo, which designates you as a member of the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States
- Hotel discounts when booking through IHG link
- Travel discounts through USA Softball partners, including United Airlines, Avis, Budget and Enterprise
- Membership in the ONLY organization that supports the USA Softball National Team programs and sends Team USA to World Cups, Pan American Games and even the Olympic Games
- Comprehensive dedication to the integrity of the game, including:
  - Industry-leading equipment testing and certification standards
  - Comprehensive background checks on coaches, umpires and personnel who surround our game
  - Training resources, help and best practices for coaches, parents, athletes, youth and amateur sports organizations are available to build a sport community where participants can work and learn together free of emotional, physical and sexual abuse and misconduct through the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

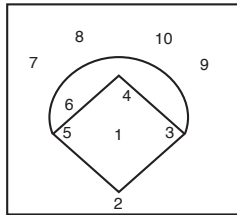
All members of USA Softball receive countless benefits from our relationships with key groups. The benefits listed above provide an overview and are not intended to be all-inclusive. To see what additional benefits you can receive by being a member of USA Softball, please contact your state/metro association.  
All benefits are subject to change.



Where Olympic Journeys Begin

**SCORING A GAME....**

First, a number is assigned to each defensive position.....



- 1-Pitcher
- 2- Catcher
- 3-First baseman
- 4-Second baseman
- 5-Third baseman
- 6-Shortstop
- 7- Left Fielder
- 8-Center Fielder
- 9- Right Fielder
- 10- Short Fielder (SP)

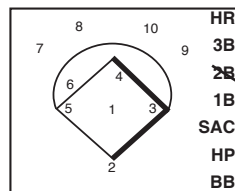
Two positions used on offense only will utilize initials in recording their position. The designated player in fast pitch will use "DP" and the extra player in slow pitch will use "EP." If the "DP" is used, the player playing defense only will be listed in the #10 spot in the batting order. Both the "DP" and the "EP" can be listed anywhere in the batting order.

**RECORDING A PLAYER REACHING A BASE.....**

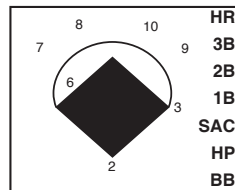
In the rectangle to the right of a player, under the appropriate inning, draw a pencil line from home base around the diamond to the base reached. Next, you will note on the right side of each box, a series of abbreviations. These refer to a number of possible ways in which the player may reach base...

- 1B** - One base hit
- 2B** - Two base hit
- 3B** - Three base hit
- HR** - Home Run
- HP** - Hit by Pitcher
- SAC** - Sacrifice
- BB** - Base on Balls
- SB** - Stolen Base (Bunt of Hit)

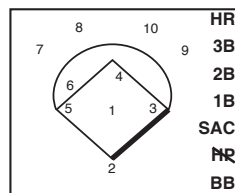
Draw a dash through the appropriate abbreviation. For example, a batter making a two-base hit would be scored....



When a runner reaches home base, fill in the entire diamond solidly.



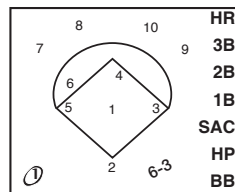
A hit batter would be shown as reaching first base.



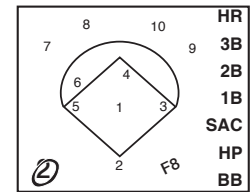
**RECORDING AN OUT.....**

In the lower part of the appropriate rectangle to the right of the player, record the number of the defensive fielder who catches a ground ball and then the number of the player making the putout.

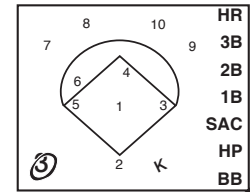
For example, should the batter hit an infield ground ball to shortstop relayed to first base in time for the out, this would be scored 6-3...



A fly ball to center field would be scored F8...



Each out is numbered and circled (note 1 and 2). Thus 3 indicates the third and last out of an inning.



**RECORDING CERTAIN OTHER PLAYS...**

Within the player's rectangle, write in near the bottom other abbreviations, as follows....

- Strikeout (called or swinging) ..... Kc, K3, Kbt
- Pass Ball..... PB
- Wild Pitch..... WP
- Error (either thrown or dropped by the fielder) ..... E (In addition, indicate the fielder making the error, thus..... E5)
- Fielder's Choice..... FC
- Double Play..... DP
- Run Batted In..... RBI (Also, list the batting order # of the player credited with the RBI.)
- Sacrifice Fly..... SF

In addition to recording each play within the player's rectangle, it is advisable at the same time to place a series of dots in the appropriate column at the right side of each page. This is a double check on the completeness of your recording, and also speeds up the final scorekeeping at the end of each game.

If all players are at the bat before an inning ends, then mark out the printed number at the top of the column for the next inning, and continue the same inning down a second column. You'll find there are enough extra columns. When a player leaves the game, draw a vertical line on the right side of the box showing his action in the last inning played. Actions of his substitute continue thereafter horizontally across the page.

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At the end of each inning, add vertically the total runs, hits errors and the number of players left on base (LOB) for the entire inning. For example....

TEAM TOTALS	R	H	6
	E	LOB	1
			10
			3

**A detailed instructional manual on scorekeeping may be purchased from the USA Softball National Office. For more information or to place your order, please call:**

**1-800-654-8337**

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